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VISITING MISSION TO BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS --

UK MISSION OFFICER RICHARDSON DISCLOSED THAT THE UK WILL INFORM THE COMMITTEE OF 24 CHAIRMAN SALIM (TANZANIA) FEBRUARY 6 OF ITS PROPOSAL TO INVITE THE COMMITTEE TO SEND A VISITING MISSION TO THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS IN 1976. (CONFIDENTIAL -- OURTEL 438)

PORTUGUESE TIMOR --

CONDITIONS SET BY PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF EAST TIMOR FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WINSPEARE'S VISIT TO THE SOUTH COAST OF EAST TIMOR WERE: PORTUGUESE FRIGATE HOISTS THE UN FLAG AND COMES NO CLOSER THAN FOUR NAUTICAL MILES; THE SLOOP BRINGING THE SPECIAL ENVOY ASHORE DISPLAYS THE UN FLAG AND IS CLEARLY MARKED "UNITED NATIONS"; THE CREW OF THE SLOOP CARRIES NO ARMS; AND ONLY WINSPEARE, JENSE, SCHLITTER-SOLVA AND SMAAGE WILL BE ALLOWED TO DISEMBARK. UN SPOKESMAN TOLD CORRESPONDENTS THAT WINSPEARE HAS CONSULTED WITH MEMBERS OF FRETELIN IN AUSTRALIA AND TWO PORTUGUESE CORVETTES (SIC) ARE STANDING BY TO TAKE HIM TO FRETELIN AREA OF EAST TIMOR, BUT NO TIME HAS YET BEEN SET. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- OURTELS 442, 443)

FALKLANDS INCIDENT --

UKUN SHARED WITH USUN THE TEXT OF THE BRITISH PROTEST DELIVERED TO THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN OFFICE WITH RESPECT TO THE INTERCEPTION FEBRUARY 4 SOME 78 MILES SOUTH OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS OF THE ROYAL RESEARCH SHIP "SHACKLETON" BY AN ARGENTINE DESTROYER. THE NOTE DEMANDED THAT THE DESTROYER IMMEDIATELY CEASE ITS HARASSMENT AND REQUESTED A FULL EXPLANATION. (CONFIDENTIAL -- OURTEL 423)

LAW OF THE SEA --

ENGO GROUP INTERSESSIONAL MEETING ON LOS, ATTENDED BY ABOUT
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25 COUNTRIES OUT OF 35 INVITED, BEGAN WITH EXTENSIVE REVIEW OF ARTICLE 9 OF SNT (GENERAL PRINCIPLES REGARDING ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA), AND A SMALL GROUP OF KEY DELEGATIONS WAS ORGANIZED BY BRAZIL WHICH MET BEFORE AND DURING ENGO GROUP MEETING TO CONSIDER THE SAME ARTICLE. WHEN BOTH GROUPS COMPLETED THEIR WORK, CHAIRMAN ENGO PRODUCED A NEW VERSION OF THE ARTICLE INCORPORATING SIGNIFICANT ELEMENTS OF THE U.S. PROPOSAL FOR REVISION AND NEW LDC PROPOSALS

ADVANCED IN PRIVATE MEETINGS. DURING DISCUSSIONS LDC SPOKESMAN INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO ATTEMPT TO BALANCE CONCEPTS OF PROTECTION FOR LAND-BASED PRODUCERS FROM ADVERSE IMPACTS OF SEABED PRODUCTION AND PROTECTION FOR CONSUMERS OF SUCH MINERALS. CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION WAS PAID TO DEFINING CONDITIONS BY WHICH ANY PROTECTIVE MECHANISMS MIGHT BE TRIGGERED.

ENGO GROUP THEN PROCEEDED TO DEBATE ARTICLE 21 (NATURE AND FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF THE FUNCTIONING OF THE AUTHORITY), AND A REVISED TEXT WAS PRODUCED. IN THE ORIGINAL DRAFT THE CONCEPT OF ADMINISTERING THE AREA WENT WELL BEYOND THE BOUNDS OF WHAT THE U.S. AND MANY OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES COULD ACCEPT IN TERMS OF THE POWERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY, AND THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE MADE CLEAR WE COULD NOT ACCEPT AN EXTENSION OF THE AUTHORITY'S POWER BEYOND EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION. THE NATURE OF DISCUSSIONS ON THESE TWO ARTICLES REVEALS POSSIBILITIES FOR VERY SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENT AT MARCH LOS SESSION, AND INDICATES NEED TO CAREFULLY REAPPRAISE U.S. TACTICS AND POSITIONS IN LIGHT OF CHANGING MOOD AND ATMOSPHERE ON PART OF KEY LDC LEADERS. (CONFIDENTIAL -- OURTEL 444)

HABITAT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES --

AMBASSADOR MYERSON MET WITH HABITAT SECRETARY GENERAL PENALOSA TO MAKE CLEAR USG VIEWS ON THE UNRESOLVED ISSUES ON THE HABITAT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES. PENALOSA SAID HE DID NOT PLAN TO CONVENE A MEETING OF INTERESTED PARTIES, BUT WOULD CONTINUE TO TALK WITH INDIVIDUAL DELEGATIONS. HE LEFT CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT WHILE HE WOULD TRY TO WORK OUT COMPROMISE LANGUAGE, HE DID NOT EXPECT TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND WAS PREPARED TO GO TO THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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BRACKETED LANGUAGE STILL IN THE TEXT. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- OURTEL 446)

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SECURITY COUNCIL -- COMOROS' COMPLAINT

THE SC FEBRUARY 5 RECEIVED BENIN-GUYANA-LIBYA-PANAMA-TANZANIA DRAFT RESOLUTION (S/11967) WHICH WOULD CALL ON FRANCE TO "DESIST FROM PROCEEDING" WITH THE PLANNED FEBRUARY 8 REFERENDUM IN MAYOTTE, AND REQUEST FRANCE TO ENTER INTO IMMEDIATE NEGOTIATIONS THE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMOROS FOR THE PURPOSE OF TAKING APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO SAFEGUARD THE UNITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE STATE OF THE COMOROS, COMPOSED OF THE FOUR ISLANDS. STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY THE

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMOROS, PANAMA, BENIN, KENYA, GUINEA AND FRANCE, AND THE RIGHT OF REPLY EXERCISED BY FRANCE, BENIN AND TANZANIA. CONSIDERATION OF THIS QUESTION WILL CONTINUE AT 3:00 P.M., FEBRUARY 6, AT WHICH TIME THE REPRESENTATIVES OF MADAGASCAR AND SAUDI ARABIA ARE LISTED TO SPEAK. SC PRESIDENT MOYNIHAN READ A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO THE GUATEMALAN PRESIDENT EXPRESSING SYMPATHY IN VIEW OF THE EARTHQUAKE AND OFFERING THE ASSISTANCE OF THE UN SYSTEM. MOYNIHAN SAID HE WAS SURE SC MEMBERS WANTED TO ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH THE FEELINGS EXPRESSED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL.

COMOROS -- OMAR ABDULLAH BARAKA TOLD THE COUNCIL THE PEOPLE OF HIS COUNTRY WOULD NEVER ACCEPT A DIVISION, OF WHATEVER NATURE, OF THEIR NEW STATE. PREVIOUSLY FRANCE HAD NEVER QUESTIONED THE UNITY OF THE ARCHIPELAGO, BUT NOW IT WAS DETERMINED UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES TO RETAIN MAYOTTE, DESPITE THE GLOBAL VOTE FOR INDEPENDENCE. HE CLAIMED THERE WERE ONLY THREE CHRISTIAN FAMILIES (152 INDIVIDUALS) AND THE REST OF THE MAYOTTE POPULATION OF MORE THAN 40,000 WERE MUSLIMS. THE INTERESTS AND RIGHTS OF ALL WERE SAFEGUARDED. THE REFERENDUM TOOK PLACE AND THE POPULATION VOTED IN FAVOR OF INDEPENDENCE (HE COMMENTED 4,000 VOTERS WERE ABSENT). THE FRENCH LAW, BY WHICH THE REFERENDUM WAS HELD, CLEARLY STATED THAT THE VOTE WOULD BE GLOBAL. HOLDING ANOTHER VOTE IN ONE OF THE ISLANDS AGAIN "WOULD BE A CONTRADICTION IN CONFIDENTIAL

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ALSO, IT WAS AN INTERFERENCE IN THE AFFAIRS OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY BECAUSE THE FOUR ISLANDS HAD ALREADY VOTED TO BE ONE NATION. THE MISTAKE WAS NOT WITH THE FRENCH PEOPLE NOR WITH THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT, "BUT OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WHO SOUGHT TO OVERRUN THE FRENCH CONSTITUTION AND THE FRENCH SENSE OF JUSTICE."

PANAMA -- BOYD, APPEALING TO THE PARTIES TO SETTLE THE MATTER AMICABLY, SAID HE THOUGH THE BEST SOLUTION WOULD BE FOR THE PARTIES TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT WHEREBY THE REFERENDUM, WHICH FRANCE SEEMED DETERMINED TO HOLD, WOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS A FIRM POSITION ON THE PART OF FRANCE AGAINST THE NATIONAL UNITY OF THE COMOROS. CONTINUING, BOYD SAID THAT FOR MAY YEARS PANAMA HAD BEEN NEGOTIATING A NEW TREATY WITH THE U.S., BUT SENATOR STROM

THURMOND HAD BEEN ACTIVE IN STIRRING UP OPPOSITION TO "PANAMA'S JUST CAUSE." IT APPEARED THAT THERE WAS A SIMILAR PROBLEM IN THE FRENCH PARLIAMENT.

BENIN -- PAQUI FELT THE COMOROS' CHARGE OF AGGRESSION BY FRANCE WAS JUSTIFIED. IN ADMITTING THE COMOROS TO UN MEMBERSHIP, NOBODY HAD THOUGHT IT WAS ADMITTED "WITH ONE PART MISSING." THE PLANNED REFERENDUM WAS NOT ONLY INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE COMOROS, BUT ENCOURAGEMENT FOR CESSATION, AND HE APPEALED TO FRANCE TO CALL IT OFF. REGARDING THE SC PRESIDENT, PAQUI SAID HE WAS A FIGHTER FOR DEMOCRACY AND THE BENIN DELEGATION EXPECTED HIM TO FIGHT FOR TRUE DEMOCRACY IN THE COMOROS.

KENYA -- MAINA BEGAN BY SAYING THAT THE NEWS OF MR. MOYNIHAN'S DECISION TO LEAVE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO REJOIN THE ACADEMIC WORLD WAS SAD. THE TRUSTED THAT MR. MOYNIHAN'S INTEREST IN PROMOTING WORLD PEACE, ECONOMIC WELL BEING, AND GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN NATIONS WOULD FIND ROOM FOR EXPRESSION IN HIS FUTURE ACTIVITIES. TURNING TO THE COMOROS, HE STATED THAT FRANCE, WHICH RULED THEM AS ONE COUNTRY, COULD NOT "LOGICALLY RELY ON THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION TO DISMEMBER THE COMOROS," A SOVEREIGN MEMBER OF THE UN. KENYA CONSIDERED FRANCE AS A FULL PARTY TO THE OCTOBER, 1975, SC RESOLUTION WHICH RECOGNIZED THE COMOROS AS A SOVEREIGN STATE AND RECOMMENDED ITS ADMISSION

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GUINEA -- CAMARA DECLARED THAT THE UN SHOULD CONDEMN ANY MANEUVERS TO THREATEN THE INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE NEW STATE. FRANCE SHOULD GIVE UP ITS POLICY OF "BANTUSTANIZATION," CALL OFF THE REFERENDUM AND END ITS UNJUSTIFIABLE PRESENCE IN MAYOTTE.

FRANCE -- DE GUIRINGAUD SAID THAT LOGICALLY ONE COULD CONSIDER THE COMOROS AS INDIVISIBLE, "BUT AT THE PRESENT TIME THERE IS A PROBLEM IN MAYOTTE, WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT." UNITY COULD NOT BE "IMPOSED" ON THE PEOPLE OF MAYOTTE; THAT WOULD BE "AGGRESSION." THE FRENCH PARLIAMENT HAD THE SUPREME AUTHORITY UNDER THE CONSTITUTION TO MAKE DECISIONS ON MATTERS OF THIS KIND. HE NOTED THAT THE ITALIAN AND U.S. CONSTITUTIONS HAD SIMILAR PROVISIONS. THE BRITISH CONSTITUTION, ALTHOUGH UNWRITTEN, CONTAINED THE SAME IDEA. HE ALSO QUOTED FROM THE SOVIET CONSTITUTION IN THIS REGARD. IN NONE OF THOSE COUNTRIES, OR MANY OTHERS, COULD DECISIONS OF THIS KIND BE TAKEN WITHOUT PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL; UNTIL SUCH APPROVAL WAS GIVEN, THE STATEMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED WERE ONLY "DECLARATIONS OF INTENTION."

HE DENIED GUINEA'S ASSERTION THERE WERE FRENCH WARSHIPS IN CAMORIAN WATERS, AND SAID THERE WERE NO FRENCH MILITARY BASES IN THE COMOROS AND FRANCE HAD ONLY 240 MEN IN MAYOTTE.

PAQUI ASKED, IF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAD THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE A REFERENDUM IN THE COMOROS WITHOUT THE AUTHORIZATION OF PARLIAMENT, WHY DID IT FALL BACK ON THE PARLIAMENT NOW? DE GUIRINGAUD REPLIED THAT PARLIAMENT HAD PASSED A LAW IN 1974 AUTHORIZING THE REFERENDUM. PAQUI CALLED THAT "A PIRATE LAW." THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE EXPLAINED THAT THE LAW STIPULATED THAT PARLIAMENT WOULD HAVE TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH THE RESULTS OF THE REFERENDUM AND NO COMMITMENT HAD BEEN MADE AS TO THE UNITY OF THE CMOROS.

SALIM (TANZANIA), WHO SAID HE HAD BEEN IN GA COMMITTEE 4 WHEN THE FRENCH DELEGATION MADE ITS STATEMENT, CONSIDERED THAT AS "A COMMITMENT" BY FRANCE AS ADMINISTERING POWER. IF FRANCE HAD HAD DOUBTS EVEN THEN ABOUT WHAT THE OUTCOME OF THE REFERENDUM WOULD BE, WHY HAD FRANCE SUBJECTED THE COMORIAN

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PEOPLE TO AN EXERCISE THAT WAS "A MOCKERY"? DE GUIRINGAUD REGRETTED HE HAD NOT CONVICTED SALIM OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S INTENTIONS. HE SAID THE LAW HAD NOT BEEN OPPOSED TO A UNITED COMOROS, BUT AFTER THE REFERENDUM PARLIAMENT HAD DECIDED TO INTERPRET IT IN THE WAY THE COUNCIL KNEW.

BEFORE THD COUNCIL ADJOURNED, PRESIDENT MOYNIHAN ANNOUNCED THAT THE FIVE-POWER DRAFT RESOLUTION HAD BEEN SUBMITTED. (FOLLOWING THE KMEETING, TANZANIANS AND FRENCH STRESSED TO USUN THAT NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMOROS, WOULD CONTINUE THROUGH THE EVENING, AND A REVISED TEXT MIGHT BE PRESENTED IN THE MORNING. (OURTEL 450) (REPEATED INFO PANAMA, TANANARIVE)

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COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT --

THE COMMITTEE HEARD 27 STATEMENTS FEBRUARY 3, 4 AND 5
ON THE ITEM ON FORMULATION OF UN POLICY AND THE COORDINATION
OF ITS ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.
MUCH OF THE DEBATE CONCERNED PLANS FOR THE FORTHCOMING UN
CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. MANY SPEAKERS STRESSED
THE IMPORTANCE OF CAREFUL PREPARATORY EFFORT, WHICH WOULD
REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF THREE YEARS, AND THE MAJORITY MENTIONED
1979 AS THE BEST TIME FOR THE CONFERENCE. AMONG THOSE WHO

BELIEVED THE COMMITTEE SHOULD SERVE AS THE PREPARATORY BODY WERE SPAIN, AUSTRALIA, YUGOSLAVIA AND JAPAN. SUGGESTION THAT THE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SHOULD ASSUME SECRETARIAT FUNCTIONS WAS SUPPORTED BY POLAND, USSR AND ITALY, AMONG OTHERS. THE U.S. WAS ONE OF THOSE SUGGESTING THAT THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SHOULD ASSUME MAJOR ROLE IN PREPARATIONS.

THE U.S. (NICHOLS) SAID THE IMPACT OF THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE AT THE VILLAGE LEVEL AND THIS COULD BE FACILITATED BY A DECENTRALIZED PREPARATORY PROCESS. HE STRESSED THE NEED FOR PROFESSIONAL ADVICE, AND NOTED THAT THE U.S. SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY WAS INTERESTED IN THE PREPARATORY PROCESS AND WOULD BE ANXIOUS TO COOPERATE. HE HOPED THE VIEWS AND TALENTS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR WOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. THE NETHERLANDS AND UK ALSO FAVORED A HIGHLY DECENTRALIZED PREPARATORY PROCESS. SWEDEN FELT SUCH A CONFERENCE MIGHT BE LESS IMPORTANT THAN A CAREFULLY PLANNED PREPARATORY PROCESS OF A DECENTRALIZED NATURE, AND FRANCE AGREED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY. AUSTRALIA, ROMANIA AND INDIA FAVORED ACTION-ORIENTED CONFERENCE. SOVIETS SAID ATTENDANCE SHOULD BE UNIVERSAL, AND POLES STATED THAT NIEO AND CERDS CONSTITUTED A BASIS FOR A POLICY ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. DOUBTS ABOUT OR OPPOSITION TO ONE SPECIFIC AGENCY FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ACTIVITIES ON THE ORDER OF THE UNDP WERE EXPRESSED BY FRG, SWEDEN, AUSTRALIA, USSR, SPAIN, YUGOSLAVIAAN, JAPAN, UK, U.S., AND ITALY. POLAND AND THE FRG, AMONG OTHERS, FAVORED STRENGTHENING THE SECRETARIAT. BUDGET DIVISION OFFICIAL REPORTED THAT AN ACCURATE ESTIMATE OF THE COST OF THE PROPOSED CONFERENCE WAS DIFFICULT AT THIS STAGE, BUT PRELIMINARY
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